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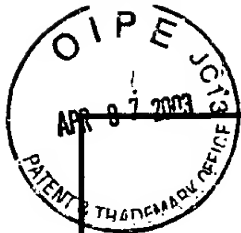
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to an Office Action, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 31, 2002, for the above-identified patent application.

Please enter the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 23 and 24 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 22 to read as follows:

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22. (Amended) A guide wire comprising:

an elongate core composed of a nickel-titanium alloy including a length, a proximal portion, and a distal portion;

a continuous, unitary coil composed of a second material and that surrounds a substantial portion of the length of the core and extends distal of the distal portion of the core; and

a tip composed of a polymeric material and extending from a distal portion of the core.